

## WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A system for facilitating retrieval of photographs, comprising:  
first software code for creating a thumbnail representation from a digital  
representation of a photograph;  
second software code for associating retrieval information with said thumbnail  
representation;  
third software code for associating a label identifier with said photograph; and  
fourth software code for generating and printing a label including a label identifier.
2. The system of claim 1 wherein a software interface enables a user to provide  
the digital representation by scanning a photograph.
3. The system of claim 1 wherein a software interface enables a user to provide  
the digital representation by downloading the digital representation from a digital camera.
4. The system of claim 1 wherein the retrieval information includes meta-data.
5. The system of claim 4 wherein the meta-data includes global positioning  
system (GPS) coordinates.
6. The system of claim 4 wherein the meta-data includes voice annotations.
7. The system of claim 1 further comprising:  
a database for storing thumbnail representations, retrieval information, and label  
identifiers, wherein each of said label identifiers uniquely identifies a storage structure that is  
utilized to store a plurality of photographs.

8. A system for facilitating retrieval of photographs, comprising:  
means for creating a thumbnail representation from a digital representation of a photograph;  
means for associating retrieval information with said thumbnail representation;  
means for associating a label identifier with said photograph; and  
means for generating and printing a label including a label identifier.

9. The system of claim 8 wherein a means for receiving enables a user to provide the digital representation by scanning a photograph.

10. The system of claim 8 wherein a means for receiving enables a user to provide the digital representation by downloading the digital representation from a digital camera.

11. The system of claim 8 wherein the retrieval information includes meta-data.

12. The system of claim 11 wherein the meta-data includes global positioning system (GPS) coordinates.

13. The system of claim 11 wherein the meta-data includes voice annotations.

14. The system of claim 8 further comprising:  
a database for storing thumbnail representations, retrieval information, and label identifiers, wherein each of said label identifiers uniquely identifies a storage structure that is utilized to store a plurality of photographs.

15. A method for facilitating retrieval of photographs, comprising:  
receiving retrieval information associated with a plurality of photographs;  
associating a storage structure identifier with said plurality of photographs, wherein  
said storage structure identifier is utilized to identify a storage structure utilized to retain said  
5 plurality of photographs;  
storing said retrieval information and said storage structure identifier in a database;  
and  
printing a label wherein said label comprises said storage structure identifier.

16. The method of claim 15 further comprising:  
receiving a database query from a user to identify desired photographs;  
matching said database query to said database to identify matching photographs; and  
presenting storage structure identifiers associated with said matching photographs to  
assist the user in locating said matching photographs.

17. The method of claim 16 wherein said retrieval information includes meta-data  
received from a digital camera.

18. The method of claim 17 wherein said meta-data includes global positioning  
system (GPS) coordinates.

19. The method of claim 15 further comprising:  
receiving a digital representation of photographs;  
generating thumbnail representations of said photographs; and  
storing said thumbnail representations in said database.

20. The method of claim 19 wherein said step of printing includes printing a  
thumbnail representation on said label.